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Section 3. Amendments to the Specification

Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration of the specification objections raised in the Office Action, based on the amendments to the claims and specifications. First, the language "or pressure strip" in claim 11 has been eliminated, thus negating the need to add an antecedent basis to the specifications. Please refer to all the amendments to the specifications below for the remaining corrections.

In the Specification, Page 8 in the paragraph beginning at line 5:

Optionally, the top-most layer may be folded back onto the second layer such that it extends only part of the way, but preferably at least as far as .25 to 2.5 inches past the center of the layers, depending on the preferred width of the handle. In this embodiment, only a single slit (15) is required in the top-most layer to create the handle and a single exterior pocket (21). With the handle, the bag has a weight tolerance of at least approximately 5 to 6 pounds.

In the Specification, Page 7 in the paragraph beginning at line 15:

FIG. 1 shows a magnified side view of the one embodiment of the bag. This view shows the folds for a three-layered bag. This bag is made by means of a process that folds the material back onto itself twice. Said layers may be of any pliable material, including low or high density polypropylene, thermoplastic, fabric, nylon, paper, or laminated paper. The top of the bag is formed by the middle layer (10) and the bottom is formed by the bottom-most layer (11). Items to be stored or transported would be inserted into the opening between the middle and the bottom-most layer (~~(12)~~ (11)). The bottom-most layer may extend beyond the fold for the middle and the top-most layer, allowing the bottom-most layer to have a flap that can be used to close the bag (~~(13)~~).

In the Specification, Page 9 in the paragraph beginning at line 3:

Referring to FIG. 5, the bag is viewed from the top. The side seams can be seen (50) holding all layers together. The central handle (20) crosses the bag at approximately the center, and there are optional pockets adjacent to the handle on either side (21) and (22). One of these pockets is shown open



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for illustrative purposes (23). The extended flap of the bottom-most layer (~~13~~) (11) is shown open. It can be folded over the opening and attached to the upper-most layer to close and reclose the bag, such as by means of an adhesive or interlocking strip (14).

In the Specification, Page 8 in the paragraph beginning at line 11:

Referring to FIG. 3, this shows the bag from an angled top view. As show shown in FIG. 1 [and FIG. 2], a plurality of layers have been seamed together by sidewelding, heat-sealing, sewing, or the like (1) to form the bag. The opening (12) of the bag (42) is shown sealed by means of the extended flap (13) being folded back over the top-most layer and held closed by means of an adhesive, interlocking, or other closing strip (30). The handle (20) lies flat across the approximate center of the bag and is shown slightly raised in this figure for visibility purposes. The middle (10) and bottom-most (11) layers form the bag that will hold the contents.

In the Specification, Page 9 in the paragraph beginning at line 10:

In FIG. 6, another embodiment of the handle is shown. In this illustration, the handle is in an "X" shape with its center located at approximately the center (60) of the bag (60). The arms of the "X" are secured to the sides (61) of the bag (61) as part of the side seam (1) process described in Fig. 1. The arms may be secured along the sides at various points, although there is a preferable length of separation, depending on the bag size, for purpose of stabilizing the bag movement during transport. The bag opening (12) can be closed by means of folding the extended flap of the bottom-most layer (13) back over the upper layer and securing it, such as by means of an adhesive or interlocking strip. The middle layer can be seen through the open parts of the "X" handle (10). As a further option, at least one of the triangles of the "X" handle can be left on the third layer to create an exterior pocket (62), although for purposes of stability during transport, it is preferable for only one said section to remain at the end of the bag opposite to the bag opening.